GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Bilateral Trade between India and Japan
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of trade carried out between India and Japan during the last three years and the current year, item-wise;
(b) whether the India-Japan Joint Committee has met recently to review the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and suggest amendments to the pact to boost bilateral trade and investment;
(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the issues discussed in the meeting;
(d) whether the issues relating to export of Indian farm products such as Sesame seeds and providing service professionals including Indian nurses have also been discussed in the meeting; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to boost the trade between the two countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
(a) The total value of trade carried out between India and Japan during the last three years and the current year is as under:
(Values in USD Million)

Year	Export to Japan	Import from Japan	Total Trade
2013-14	6814.64	9481.03	16295.67
2014-15	5385.87	10131.36	15517.23
2015-16*	4668.83	9843.62	14512.46
2016-17 (Apr to June)*	911.83	2201.97	3113.79

(*-Provisional) (Source: DGCIS)

Major commodity-wise quantity and value of trade carried out during the last three years and the current year are enclosed at Annexure.

(b) The Joint Committee under India-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) had its 3rd meeting on 28th July 2016 in New Delhi. The Joint Committee reviewed the implementation and operation of the CEPA and discussed the issues raised by the two sides.
(c) The Joint Committee decided to exchange the preferential trade data under India-Japan CEPA on a regular basis and acknowledged the request of the two sides raised in the meeting and referred them, as appropriate, to the respective Sub-committees for resolution. The Indian side raised issues on recognition of Indian Organic Standards to facilitate exports of Indian organic products to Japan, facilitation measures for export of sesame seeds, marine products, pharmaceuticals and Indian IT and IT enabled services. The Japanese side raised issues of safeguard measures imposed by India and issues on incentive packages for Japanese Industrial Townships.
(d) Yes Madam.
(e) Apart from seeking facilitation for export of sesame seeds and mutual recognition agreements for service professionals including nurses, trade facilitation measures on customs were also discussed.
Indian exporters are generally encouraged to participate in major trade fairs in Japan to showcase Indian products in the Japanese markets and increase engagement with the Japanese companies.
The New Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 makes provisions to incentivise India's exports through newly introduced schemes namely, 'Merchandise Exports from India Scheme' (MEIS) for incentivising export of specified goods to specified markets and 'Services Exports from India Scheme' (SEIS) for increasing exports of notified services from India. Both these schemes will also help in promoting exports from India to Japan.

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MAJOR COMMODITY-WISE IMPORT FROM JAPAN DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND 2016-17(APR TO MAY)
(TOP 50 COMMODITY BASED ON 2015-16 IMPORT VALUE)
(VALUES IN MILLION USD)

COMMODITY GROUP	UNIT	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17(APR TO JUN)	
		QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
IRON AND STEEL	TON	1382470	1289.69	1804185	1453.76	2486311	1490.43	287526	202.98
INDL. MACHNRY FOR DAIRY ETC			1104.66		851.37		951.23		235.04
PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS	TON	75780	246.09	120378	312.32	318856	483.98	96207	134.29
AUTO COMPONENTS/PARTS			493.21		517.22		482.68		110.33
ELECTRONICS COMPONENTS			322.03		345.93		428.27		89.05
SHIP, BOAT AND FLOATING STRUCT			438.42		944.09		419.73		78.53

ELECTRONICS INSTRUMENTS 404.97 341.11 393.50 94.73
PRODUCTS OF IRON AND STEEL 412.69 393.98 359.38 89.52
ELECTRIC MACHINERY AND EQUIPME 365.78 368.25 343.92 105.10
MACHINE TOOLS 407.03 455.20 342.72 91.65
MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUM 308.13 319.53 322.75 73.81
ORGANIC CHEMICALS KGS 140991584 285.88 163235061 320.97 201963773 296.01 49195271 67.62
IC ENGINES AND PARTS 327.91 310.92 277.31 64.22
PROJECT GOODS KGS 6584728 140.91 8439658 285.56 16113220 243.41 1694139 58.98
RESIDUL CHEMICL AND ALLED PROD 209.84 224.82 239.18 58.55
OTHER MISC. ENGINEERING ITEMS 184.33 195.92 213.89 52.85
OTHR RUBBER PRODCT EXCPT FOOTW 212.61 201.61 183.28 48.22
AC, REFRIGERATION MACHNRY ETC 151.64 200.52 166.23 36.36
HND TOOL, CTTNG TOOL OF METALS 142.47 126.24 152.82 35.66
OTHER CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY 98.30 101.72 136.10 34.11
INORGANIC CHEMICALS KGS 308491715 88.22 401516269 69.40 691900081 127.45 317294152 26.47
CONSUMER ELECTRONICS 127.48 129.70 111.48 22.65
COPPER AND PRDCTS MADE OF COPR TON 6434 60.29 16696 131.68 16191 103.96 1470 11.73
AGRO CHEMICALS KGS 2988612 85.77 3099630 84.10 3387755 87.03 1572504 27.90
MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS 92.65 96.42 86.20 18.50
TELECOM INSTRUMENTS 35.81 38.99 75.08 25.54
PLASTC SHT, FILM, PLTS ETC KGS 8368466 58.55 11227967 71.04 11204048 66.52 2496735 18.14
PUMPS OF ALL TYPES 84.58 71.39 61.42 15.54
BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES KGS 9367024 53.97 7388133 54.06 9045943 59.33 1770038 9.18
PAINT, VARNISH AND ALLID PRODC KGS 6567255 58.85 7454339 61.54 7390123 58.92 1358181 14.20
OTHER COMMODITIES 94.89 57.05 58.73 12.73
ATM, INJCTNG MLDING MCHNRY ETC 72.86 70.96 58.52 15.99
NICKEL, PRODUCT MADE OF NICKEL TON 1345 21.71 2609 48.18 4568 57.54 581 6.13
AUTO TYRES AND TUBES NOS 641070 60.19 724918 60.96 366649 52.45 84369 8.87
MOULDED AND EXTRUDED GOODS 47.40 47.13 47.56 12.53
COMPUTER HARDWARE, PERIPHERALS 51.97 49.15 45.98 11.57
OTHER PLASTIC ITEMS 46.00 44.52 44.44 13.87
CRANES, LIFTS AND WINCHES 62.49 32.63 40.64 17.01
PAPER, PAPER BOARD AND PRODUCT 33.93 41.77 39.18 10.49
OPTICAL ITEMS (INCL.LENS ETC) 24.61 26.16 32.63 6.70
CERAMICS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS 33.78 35.66 31.04 9.41
COAL,COKE AND BRIQUITTES ETC TON 577516 159.80 340759 83.64 175829 28.69 104880 15.28
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TON 57730 76.75 45980 66.92 28516 28.66 6186 4.83
MANMADE STAPLE FIBRE KGS 5657981 18.87 7810973 27.58 8294756 26.46 1966795 6.03
ALUMINIUM, PRODUCTS OF ALUMINM TON 3583 24.07 4825 28.63 4742 26.39 1755 8.14
PRIME MICA AND MICA PRODUCTS KGS 845755 20.59 926376 24.23 1031207 26.20 276695 7.38
OTH NON FEROUS METAL AND PRODC KGS 2077355 16.34 2174441 19.37 2884928 20.33 807677 5.30
GLASS AND GLASSWARE 23.66 15.53 15.11 4.71
SILVER KGS 16 0.02 5002 2.86 19327 9.68 15014 7.24
CMNT, CLINKR AND ASBSTOS CMNT TON 5 0.02 1 0.01 37 0.01 137004 4.68
TOTAL OF ABOVE 9182.72 9862.28 9454.46 2140.31
OTHERS 298.31 269.08 389.16 61.66
Grand Total 9481.03 10131.36 9843.62 2201.97

NOTE: 1)FIGURES FOR 2015-16 AND 2016-17 (APR TO JUNE) IS PROVISIONAL
2) QUANTITY FOR ALL COMMODITIES NOT GIVEN AS UNITS ARE ADDITIVE
(Source: DGCIS)